



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

File #: 23-955

Board Meeting Date: 12/5/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive

Subject: **Measure K:** One-Time Grant to Rebuilding Together Peninsula to Support Major Repairs to Five Homes of Low-Income Homeowners of San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Recommendation to:

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$75,000, to Rebuilding Together Peninsula for major repairs (roof, HVAC replacement, plumbing or electrical system repairs) to five homes of low-income homeowners in San Mateo County, and authorizing the County Executive, or designee, to execute the grant agreement; and
- B) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$75,000 appropriating **Measure K** funds from Non-Departmental Services Reserves to Non-Departmental Services Other Special Department Expense to the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Rebuilding Together Peninsula's ("RTP") mission is to repair homes, revitalize communities, and rebuild lives. For 34 years, RTP has been the "go-to" agency thousands of low-income residents across the Peninsula have turned to for critical repairs and improvements to help them continue to live independently in safe and healthy homes and, in most cases, to age in place. RTP provides critical home safety repairs and rehabilitation work for the Peninsula's most vulnerable residents and prioritizes the needs of low-income homeowners. Today, with support from skilled staff and volunteers, RTP completes approximately 130 repair projects throughout San Mateo and northern Santa Clara counties annually.

DISCUSSION:

The \$75,000 in **Measure K** funding will support RTP's ability to repair five homes owned by low-income San Mateo County residents by December 31, 2024.

In order to qualify for RTP's services, applicants must own their home, and their household income

must be no more than 80 percent of the area’s median income. (The median income of homeowners served by RTP is \$38,000). RTP vets applicants through a rigorous approval process required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of RTP’s participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. (RTP has six CDBG contracts, which support CDBG minor home repair programs in San Mateo County, Daly City, South San Francisco, City of San Mateo, Redwood City, Palo Alto, and Mountain View.) After an applicant is screened, RTP visits the home to conduct a health and safety assessment and create a scope of work. Homes are chosen based on urgent need of repairs and matched with the resources RTP has available (including any restrictions on funding).

Each home repair will go through the following steps:

1. Low-income homeowner will complete an application which will provide information about the repairs needed.
2. RTP’s trained and experienced staff will conduct a comprehensive Home Safety Assessment which will assess the health and safety repairs needed based on the Principles of Healthy Living; http://bit.ly/HH_principles and <https://www.rebuildingtogetherfma.org/safe-and-healthy-housing>
3. In partnership with the homeowner, RTP’s staff will develop a Home Safety Plan which will provide a detailed plan for the critical health and safety repairs that will be completed.
4. For major repairs (e.g., roof replacement), RTP will hire skilled subcontractors to complete the repairs. Minor repairs will be completed by RTP’s skilled technicians, skilled and general volunteers and/or paid subcontractors.
5. RTP will conduct a final project review and survey collection which will assess the impact of their work on the homeowner’s health and safety.

EQUITY STATEMENT

Rebuilding Together Peninsula assists low-income homeowners of the Peninsula with critical home safety repairs and rehabilitation work to help them to continue to live independently in safe and healthy homes and, in most cases, to age in place.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	Target
Major repairs (e.g., roof, HVAC replacement, plumbing or electrical system repairs) to five homes of low-income residents of San Mateo County	Complete

The County Attorney’s Office has approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This total County fiscal obligation for this agreement shall not exceed \$75,000, which will be funded entirely through **Measure K** Reserves.